

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-15 (Cancelled)

16. (New) A non invasive airway protector useful for maintaining the airways in head and neck immobilized trauma patients open and for stabilizing the cervical spine, wherein said protector comprising a rigid motion- restricting frame attached to said head, and two opposite mandible clasps (710) (right and left) being attached to the right and left sides of the mandible; each of said clasps is forming a 3-dimensional L-shaped fitting element adapted to specifically fit the L-shaped angle of the mandible comprising the horizontal body portion and the perpendicular Ramus portion, by a means of shape and size; further wherein said fitting elements are adapted to support said mandible, especially the body portion of the mandible and to enforce said body to move forwards and said Ramus to move downwards in relation to the maxilla.

17. (New) The airway protector according to claim 16, is a cervical collar.

18. (New) The airway protector according to claim 16, additionally comprising a restrictor member restricting the motion or location of the jaw clasp relative to the rigid frame.

19. (New) The airway protector according to claim 17, wherein the restrictor limits the distance between the rigid frame and the jaw clasp.

20. (New) The airway protector according to claim 17, wherein the restrictor limits the direction of motion between the rigid frame and the jaw clasp.

21. (New) The airway protector according to claim 16, additionally comprising a lock member preventing the backward motion of the jaw clasp relative to the rigid frame.

22. (New) The airway protector according to claim 16, wherein said rigid structure is formed essentially of one collar wrapped around the head and neck.

23. (New) The airway protector according to claim 16, wherein said rigid structure is formed essentially of several parts connected together to fit a specific patient.

24. (New) The airway protector according to claim 16, wherein said rigid structure is formed by avoiding any holes or dents in its form that are not essential.

25. (New) The airway protector according to claim 23, wherein said holes or dents allow access to the ears of the patient.

26. (New) The airway protector according to claim 23, wherein said holes or dents allow access to the front of the neck of the patient.

27. (New) The airway protector according to claim 16, additionally comprising a chin lift collar wherein holding point is the chin, gum, or any other member of the oral cavity (1316); said chin lift is holding the chin and then pushing it anteriorly while it is being supported on the sternal bone, the maxilla, the zygoma or any other ingredients of the collar.

28. (New) A jaw clasp useful for performing the jaw-thrust maneuver motion of the jaw to maintain open airways comprising;

- a. a plurality of movable fitting elements adapted to fit the jaw tightly; and,
- b. a plurality of movable mover elements adapted to move the jaw.

29. (New) The jaw clasp according to claim 27, additionally comprising an airway protector adapted to immobilized head and neck of trauma patients.

30. (New) The jaw clasp according to claim 27, additionally comprising at least one extrusion adapted to apply force against resistance of the muscles and to cause forward movement localized at both sides of the jaw.

31. (New) The jaw clasp according to claim 27, additionally comprising a restrictor restricting the motion or location of the mover elements relative to the airway protector.

32. (New) The jaw clasp according to claim 27, additionally comprising a lock member preventing the motion of the mover elements relative to the airway protector.

33. (New) The jaw clasp according to claim 27, wherein the jaw-thrust maneuver motion is provided by a means of an adjustable knob comprising an inside portion facing the angles of the mandible as holding points and an outside portion maneuverable by the care giver.

34. (New) The jaw clasp according to claim 32, wherein said inside portion of the adjustable knob comprising a rest (291) and a bolt (292), such that an accommodating-pushing groove (293) is provided; said accommodating-pushing groove (293) is adapted to concurrently accommodating the mandible angle while pushing it anteriorly towards the direction of the chin, i.e., in the opposite direction of cervical spin.

35. (New) The jaw clasp according to claim 30, wherein the restrictor limits the distance between the fitting elements and the airway protector.

36. (New) The jaw clasp according to claim 30, wherein the restrictor limits the direction of motion between the fitting elements and the airway protector.

37. (New) The airway protector as described in any of figures 1 to 32.

38. (New) A method for performing a device aided jaw-thrust maneuver wherein the patient is immobilized with a airway protector comprising;

- a. immobilizing the head of the patient;
- b. clasp the external portion of the mandible by means of a airway protector;
- c. maneuvering said clasped mandible forward and slightly downward;

in the manner that airway maintenance with cervical spin control is provided.

39. (New) The method according to claim 37, wherein the caregiver steps comprising:

- a. fixing the collar on the patient, then executing the jaw thrust maneuver;

- b. using the knob to push the mandible angle, wherein the push of the knob is carried by the thumbs while the index fingers are leaning on the patent's Zygoma (maxilla); and,
- c. repeating the same maneuvers as the caregiver would do if he did a jaw thrust maneuver without using the collar.

40. (New) The method according to claim 37, provided by the airway protector as defined in claim 16 or in any of its depended claims.

41. (New) The method according to any of claims 37 and 38 comprising;

- a. fitting the posterior part of said airway protector by placing said posterior part behind the head of the patient and shifting the part to the anatomically best fitting location;
- b. fitting the anterior part of said airway protector in front of the neck of the patient, and attach it to said posterior part;
- c. fitting said jaw clasp and enlarging it; and,

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d. using said jaw clasp to perform a jaw-thrust
maneuver.